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1. It is planned to extend the Oder shipping and to enlarge and improve the Stettin harbor. New landing devices and the enlargement of the channel leading through the harbor are planned. Large ocean-going vessels are to be able to put in at western harbor. Further expansion of the Oder shipping fleet is also planned. The Bydgoszcz canal is to be cut deeper, and construction (Aufbau) of a so-called Silesian canal from the Oder to the Danube is to open up new shipping possibilities and better inland ports for Upper Silesia.

2. In October 1952 mines were being laid outside Kolberg harbor. Land mines and linked wire obstructions arranged in three lines were being erected in front of the concrete gun bunkers inland. About 700 slave laborers were employed in the new construction and the fortification of the harbor. Furthermore, the harbors at Kolberg and Stolpmuende were being dredged.

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